



## **Press Release**

## Condor flies non-stop to San Juan on Puerto Rico

Leisure carrier adds to its Caribbean flights

Kelsterbach, December 21, 2011 – The first Condor Boeing 767-300 heading for San Juan on Puerto Rico took off at 9:45 this morning. This new destination extends the leisure carrier's Caribbean route network and rounds off its extensive range of holidays. Condor is the only airline to fly non-stop to San Juan from Central Europe.

Ralf Teckentrup, Chairman of the Management Board at Condor, was delighted with the new destination. "Puerto Rico is an up-and-coming tourist magnet and is also strategically an important destination for us as a leisure carrier. San Juan is not just a hub for airlines in the Caribbean, it also has an important port for cruise ships. The destination allows us to consolidate our position as the airline with the greatest range of Caribbean flights from Europe."

Fraport AG executive board chairman Dr. Stefan Schulte said: "We are pleased that Condor is taking advantage of the opportunities created by Frankfurt Airport's (FRA) capacity expansion and is adding another exciting destination like San Juan (SJU), Puerto Rico, to FRA's global network of 275 destinations in 111 countries (Winter Timetable 2011/2012). Condor's new route links two leading aviation gateways: Puerto Rico for the Caribbean and Frankfurt in the Rhine-Main Region, one of world's largest hubs. Fraport is convinced of Puerto Rico's outstanding potential for tourism and business. We wish Condor and its passengers lots of fun and success with this new destination."

San Juan is the capital of Puerto Rico, and epitomizes the essence of the country in a slice of Caribbean life. The old town, known as Old San Juan, has some impressive former forts and is still in part a walled city, harking back to the colonial era. The art, architecture and history of the country are on display in a variety of museums. San Juan also has a burgeoning pharmaceutical industry, making the location attractive to business customers as well. The seaport is one of the biggest in Latin America and is an important center, not just for the tourist trade, but also commercially.

Puerto Rico is one of the most exciting and unusual destinations of all the Caribbean islands. As a former Spanish colony, the national language is still Spanish, even though Puerto Rico is a territory of the United States. And it is precisely this mix of Uncle Sam and Spanish flair

that makes the country an increasingly popular tourist destination. Puerto Rico's wonderful sandy beaches are a paradise for surfers and those looking for a beach getaway. The hinterlands are home to coffee and pineapple plantations, as well as the fascinating rainforests and picturesque mountainous regions that await discovery in the National Parks. The Camuy Caves, to the west of San Juan, are the third largest cave system in the world. The cathedral-like caverns were carved out over the centuries by the Camuy River, the

Condor and Fraport AG got together to stage an event at the gate of the inaugural flight. Ralf Teckentrup, Chairman of the Management Board at Condor, and Dr Stefan Schulte, the CEO of Fraport AG, ceremonially cut the inaugural flight ribbon and treated passengers to slices of the traditional inaugural flight cake, in the shape of a Condor

aircraft.

longest subterranean river in the world.

From now on passengers can fly to San Juan at a one-way price including all taxes and fees starting from 249 Euro for the Economy Class, 349 Euro for the Premium Economy Class and 749 Euro for the Comfort Class. Condor flights can be booked in all travel agencies, online at www.condor.com or via telephone 01805/767757 (0.14 Euro/minute from the German landlines, max. 0.42 Euro/minute from cell phones).

We are happy to supply editorial offices with photos, on request.

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